

Fab. at Santon Downham near Thetford, and *Bledius unicornis* (Germ.) and *B. spectabilis* Kraatz at Burham Overy Staithe.

Mr. D. R. Nash suggested that I should prepare this note after seeing the species lists which I compiled following my visits to Suffolk and Norfolk, and it is a pleasure to record my thanks to him for much advice. Drs. A. G. Irwin and M. L. Luff supplied information on the records of *Pogonus* species and I am obliged to both gentlemen. I am also obliged to Mr. C. Johnson for assistance with the determination of the Staphilinidae, and Mr. J. H. Flint kindly identified *Silpha laevigata* and confirmed my identification of *Malachius barnevillei*.

THE VESTAL: RHODOMETRA SACRARIA L. AND OTHER LEPIDOPTERA AT TONBRIDGE. — On the night of August 1st 1980, I was fortunate to take a male Vestal in my Robinson m.v. trap operating in my garden. In view of the limitations of the suburban environment the recording of one Scarce Prominent (*Odontosia carmelita* Esp.) on 13th May 1979 and an occasional Alder Moth (*Acronicta alni* L.) are perhaps also worthy of note. — A. E. TAPP, 48, Hunt Road, Tonbridge, Kent.

OULIMNIUS MAJOR (REY) (= *O. FALCIFER* BERTHELEMY) (COL.: ELMIDAE) NEW TO BRITAIN. — I have to report that I found three examples of this species, hitherto unrecorded in Britain, in a tributary of the River Severn, on the 30th June 1980. Mr. Peter Hammond (Br. Mus. Nat. Hist.), to whom I sent a drawing of the aedeagus, kindly agreed with the determination. The specimens were accompanied by several *Oulimnius troglodytes* (Gyllenhal), itself a rare species worthy of note. A paper on this introduction to the British List will follow in due course. — JOHN A. PARRY, 38, Heather Drive, St. Michaels, Tenterden, Kent.

THE RETURN OF THE ORANGE TIP. — On 27th June 1979 I netted a very tattered female *A. cardamines* at Balinluig, O.S. 27/95. 1980 has confirmed that the species is established in this area, as it is also, south of Loch Tummel, O.S. 27/85. — J. R. MILLER, Sealladh-Mhor, Crieff, Perthshire.

SCROBIPALPA OCELLATELLA (BOYD) (LEP.: GELECHIIDAE) ON CULTIVATED BEET. — On 22.iii.1980, I collected some larvae of *S. ocellatella* feeding on *Beta maritima* at Plymouth. Since I had collected insufficient foodplant, I later offered them the leaves of cultivated spinach beet, which they ate readily, and from which normal adults eventually emerged. — P. J. JOHNSON, 7 Haverhill Road, Horseheath, Cambridge, CB1 6QR.

PLATYPTILIA ISODACTYLUS ZELLER IN STAFFORDSHIRE. — A single *P. isodactylus* was taken flying at dusk among *Senecio aquaticus* at Aqualate, Staffordshire, on 16th August 1980. There seem to be no records of this species from the Midlands, but it may be worth looking for in undrained meadows, now unfortunately a scarce and diminishing habitat. R. G. WARREN, Wood Ridings, 32 Whitmore Road, Trentham, Stoke-on-Trent.